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1. AS DEPT. AWARE, AMBASSADOR GAJA'S DEMARCHE IS MOST RECENT
DEVELOPMENT IN WHAT HAS BECOME ANNUAL EFFORT ON PART OF GOI
TO ENLIST USG SUPPORT IN REBUFFING CHALLENGE BY SWEDEN AND
SPAIN TO ITS RE-DESIGNATION TO BOARD AS ONE OF "MOST
ADVANCED" MEMBERS. REFTELS DOCUMENT THIS EFFORT AND RESPONSES
DEPT. HAS MADE TO THEM, AND INDICATE (REF B) CURRENT STATUS
OF QUESTION OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION AMONG WE MEMBER
STATES.

2. ASST. SECRETARY HARTMAN'S RESPONSE TO GAJA, CITED REF A
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WAS ALONG LINES OF MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TRANSMITTED
REF C, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE STILL VALID AT PRESENT.
HOWEVER, DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT IN JUNE 1975, BEFORE
MEETING OF JUNE BOARD, EMBASSY ROME, ON DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS,
INFORMED GOI THAT IF ISSUE OF SEAT DESIGNATION CAME
TO VOTE AT BOARD, U.S. WOULD SUPPORT ITALIAN CANDIDACY
(SEE REFS D, E, F). MOREOVER, U. ALEXIS JOHNSON LETTER

TO PRESIDENT NIXON, DECEMBER 30, 1971, TRANSMITTING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE CAN BE INTERPRETED AS U.S. COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS, IF NOT PERMANENT BOARD MEMBERSHIP FOR ITALY (AS WELL AS FOR FRG, INDIA AND JAPAN. SEE REF G). SINCE THIS LETTER IS NOW PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD, WE CAN ASSUME ITALIANS WELL AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE. THEREFORE, IF ISSUE BECOMES A HOT ONE AGAIN THIS YEAR, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY IN PRETENDING TO BE NON-INVOLVED.

3. FOR DEP'S INFO, NEWLY-ARRIVED SPANISH AMBASSADOR CASTRO-RIAL CALLED ON ME RECENTLY AND, IN WHAT HE TERMED HIS "FIRST OFFICIAL DEMARCHE" IN VIENNA, ADVISED ME OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISH TO REPLACE ITALY ON BOARD. HE OBSERVED THAT SPAIN AND SWEDEN HAS REACHED "AGREEMENT" WHEREBY SPAIN WOULD SUCCEED ITALY AND BE SUCCEDED IN TURN BY SWEDEN IN 1978. CASTRO-RIAL NOTED FRANKLY THAT HE WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH CURRENT STATUS OF THIS ISSUE AND USURE WITH WHOM HE SHOULD PURSUE MATTER IN VIENNA (ADDING THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN RAISING IT WITH ITALIAN MISSION). I GAVE HIM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE MATTERS STOOD AT PRESENT (REF B) AND SUGGESTED HE CONSULT WITH RESREPS OF UK AND FRANCE WHO, AS ALTERNATING CHAIRMEN OF WE GROUP, WERE FAMILIAR WITH ISSUES INVOLVED.

4. COMMENT: CLAIM BY SPAIN TO "MOST ADVANCED" STATUS
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IS SOMEWHAT WEAKENED BY ITS REQUEST TO AGENCY FOR TWO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN 1977 (WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REACTOR ENGINEERING). MOREOVER, NEITHER SPAIN NOR SWEDEN ARE CURRENTLY BOARD MEMBERS, WHICH WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO PUT THEIR "AGREEMENT" INTO EFFECT. AT ANY RATE, REVIAL OF THIS ISSUE BY SPAIN, AND THE ALREADY CLOUDED FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN DESIGNATION, INDICATE LIVELY PREPARATIONS FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM AT JUNE MEETING OF BOARD. END COMMENT. STONE

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